Universities **in the country**

1758. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the total number of universities functioning, as on date, under Central/State Governments all over the country;

the post-wise/grade-wise readers, professors, lecturers and others appointed in these universities, alongwith number of SCs and STs appointed;

whether there is any SC/ST backlog in these universities;

if so, the details thereof and since when the backlog exists;

whether any action has been taken to fill up such backlog;

if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

by when the backlog vacancies of all cadre would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 419 Universities/Deemed-to-be Universities/Institutes of National Importance/Institutes established under State Legislation existing as on 11.03.2008. Out of these 25 are Central Universities and 233 are State Universities.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) to (g) The University Grants Commission has formulated Guidelines for strict observation of Reservation Policy of the Government in Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities, Colleges and other Grant-In-Aid Institutions and Centres in 2006 and have sent the same to all Universities including those under the Central and State Governments for implementation. Universities have also been instructed by the UGC to fill up the backlog vacancies before filling any general Vacancy and those on adhoc basis. However, no definite time-frame can be given with regard to completely filling up the backlog.

Indian Institutes conducting foreign courses

1759. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has recently described that Indian Institutes conducting courses on behalf of the foreign institutes in the country are illegal;

if so, the details of the Indian institutes conducting courses on behalf of foreign institutes in the country;

whether Government proposes to take any action against such institutes; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has notified certain regulations *vide* Notification No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2005 dated